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ADVANCED TRAINING IN AVIATION
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are national initiatives for advanced training in the field of aviation including flying;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State - wise;

(c) whether Rajiv Gandhi Aviation Academy in Kerala has flying operation and is proposed to be elevated as a National Institute;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir. Government has taken various initiatives for advanced aviation training. Funds have been released to Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA) for upgradation of civil and electrical infrastructure and for procurement of additional trainer aircraft including computer based training aids and equipment. IGRUA has also entered into a management contract with M/s. CAE, a reputed international organisation in this field, to professionalise its management. The Government has also decided to set up a world class institute at Gondia in Maharashtra as Joint Venture Enterprise under the aegis of Airports Authority of India. The other flying clubs in the country are also supported by the Central Goverment by way of providing funds for acquisition of trainer aircraft through Directorate General of Civil Aviation and Aero Club of India.

(c), (d) and (e):- The Rajiv Gandhi Aviation Academy has been set up by the State Government of Kerala. The institute is not operational presently. There is no proposal with Ministry of Civil Aviation to elevate the academy as National Institute.